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SUBJECT: FY-76-77 CASP - DECISIONS ADOPTED AT PRE-IG MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON DECISIONS CONVEYED
REFTEL:

2. ISSUE NO. 1 - AGREE ON NEED TO REVISE AND UPDATE
DISCUSSION. REVISION, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT NOT ONLY FRG-GOB AGREEMENT BUT ALSO UEKI-ROBINSON
DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATIONS OF SUPPLIERS' CONFERENCE.
FURTHERMORE, FRG-GOB AGREEMENT RAISES QUESTION OF (A)
BRAZIL'S FUTURE ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS FROM
OUTSIDE SOURCES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR US ROLE AS A
SUPPLIER (INCLUDING THAT FOR ANGRA II AND III); AND (B) THE
POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE OF US INDUSTRY IN BRAZIL'S DRIVE
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS NUCLEAR POWER
INDUSTRY AND US POLICY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A ROLE.
WE ASSUME SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED BY UEKI WOULD
BE ADDRESSED.

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3. ISSUE NO.2 - RELUCTANTLY CONCUR IF THIS REMAINS UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS. WE APPRECIATE THE POLICY CONCERNS UNDERLYING THE PROPOSED DELETION. WE ARE NOT SURE, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE BASIC THESIS -- OR WORKING HYPOTHESIS -- UNDERLYING THE ISSUE, HAS BEEN FULLY ADDRESSED, I.E. THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE US POSITION OF INTENSE AND INCREASING THIRD COUNTRY COMPETITION ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL THIRD COUNTRY GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS. THE HYPOTHESIS LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE, IN TERMS OF SECTORAL GROWTH, AND AGGREGATE HISTORICAL DATA, THEREFORE, ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

4. ISSUE NO. 3 - CONCUR.

5. ISSUES NO. 4 AND 5 - SUPPORT DECISION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BE MAINTAINED AS SEPARATE ISSUES. ON FMS FUNDING LEVELS FOR FY 76/77, EMBASSY FULLY UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTY DEPARTMENT FACES IN SUPPORTING SHARPLY INCREASED LEVELS OF FMS CREDITS FOR BRAZIL AT A TIME WHEN CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IS BEING DIRECTED TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL. EMBASSY DEFERS TO DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT THAT REDUCED RATE OF INCREASE FMS CREDITS FOR BRAZIL WILL REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO FMS PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS.

6. SECTION III - (A) PROPOSED NEW OBJECTIVE NO. 6 - WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO INCLUSION THIS ITEM, EMBASSY BELIEVES OBJECTIVE 6 TO BE UNREALISTIC GIVEN CONDITIONS WE EXPECT WILL PREVAIL DURING CASP TIME PERIOD. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT THAT BRAZIL ENJOYS ANY REAL INFLUENCE WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, EVEN LESS WITH ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. (B) ENERGY AND (C) AIFLD - CONCUR.
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